(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The continued augmentation and strengthening of the Inter-State and Inter-Regional transmission lines, and contruction of more and more transmission lines in the Central Sector have given impetus for evolution of a National Power Grid. The possibility of ultimately having to create a separate organisation at the National level to design, construct, maintain and operate the Extra High Voltage Lines for transmission of power from one State/Region to another cannot be ruled out. The matter, however, requires an in-depth study of all aspects of the problem, including set up of the proposed organisation.

Assets of 20 largest business houses

1447. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the total assets, turn-over and profits of the 20 largest business houses in India as at the end of 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Data on assets, turn-over and profits in 1987 are not available. A statement showing the assets, turnover and profits before tax in 1984, 1985 and 1986-87 (accounting year ending April 1986 to March 1987) of companies registered under section 26 of the MRTP Act and belonging to the largest business houses ranked according to their assets in 1986-87 is annexed [See Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 63].

Engineers of BBVL for training in France

1448. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited, Calcutta had sent five Engineers to France for training for the manufacture of Valve Actuator;

(b) whether those trained Engineers are involved in development of Valve Actuator in the BBVL; and

(c) if not, for what work these engineers are being utilised and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Bharat Brakes & Valves Limited (BBVL), Calcutta, had sent five of its engineers to France in 1983 to undergo training for Valve Actuator. On return from training, initially the engineers were engaged for engineering activities of Valve Actuator in BBVL. Simultaneously, BBVL had approached its prospective customers, one of whom was BHEL. While follow up action was in progress improved version of this technology also appeared in the market. BHEL advised BBVL to obtain the latest technology in this field. BBVL are trying to obtain the latest technology from the foreign collaborator. Out of the five engineers so trained, one of the engineers resigned and left the service of the company in 1986-87. The remaining engineers are being utilised in the present activities of the company such as project planning and marketing.

Information regarding formulation prices

1449. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be